

**Thursday 10 July 2014**

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

NZTR convened a meeting last Tuesday in Hamilton to discuss Authorised Syndication of Thoroughbreds.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways to simplify the process and encourage a greater uptake of Authorised Syndication from syndicators and trainers.

The review of the current process falls into place with NZTR's plan to complete an ownership review that will benefit everyone in the industry.

I was pleased to have in attendance eighteen stakeholders including ten current Authorised Syndicators who all welcomed the opportunity to discuss openly their concerns and feedback on the current process.

NZTR will look to provide updates on these projects as they take shape.

**ATTENTION ALL TRAINERS - EQUINE RESEARCH SURVEY**

One of our key aims at the Equine Research Centre at Massey University is to work together with breeders and trainers to understand the production and management of horses in the racing industry in New Zealand.

Its latest research focuses on the control of parasites in high value horses with the aim to decrease worming costs and maintaining the long term health and quality of horses in the industry.

In recent years there has been an increasing problem of resistance to de-worming products in horses worldwide. Due to this, some of the treatments available to treat parasites in horses may no longer be effective. High parasite burdens may affect the health, performance and welfare of horses.

This project aims to understand the current parasite control practices within the racing industry in New Zealand and assess whether resistance to de-worming products is present.

As a first step we need your help to find out about how and why you are worming your horses.

This survey is for trainers involved in the industry. If you are a trainer and would like to participate in a short survey about worm control in your horses click the link below:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1674518/Parasite-control-practices-trainers>

If you have any questions about this survey or the study please email Charlotte at [c.bolwell@massey.ac.nz](mailto:c.bolwell@massey.ac.nz)

If you would like more information about the work we are doing at Massey please see <http://erc.massey.ac.nz>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your contribution to equine research in New Zealand is very important to us.

### **RACING AT TE AROHA**

This meeting was abandoned at 6.30am this morning. There has been a significant amount of damage to the running rail, hurdle fences and racecourse property in general. There are branches and debris over the course proper and a large clean up job will be required. As a result, Alan Cole (R.I.U) and Graeme Amies (Te Aroha Course Manager) said that any option to re-schedule the meeting this week is not a viable, or realistic option at this stage.

Several horses that were due to race at Te Aroha were Late Nominated for the Wellington RC meeting Saturday 12 July. Those not catered for by making the trip South to Wellington will have the opportunity to go to the Waikato RC meeting on Saturday 19 July or the Racing Tauranga meeting on Wednesday 16 July.

### **WHANGAREI RC 12 JULY - TRANSFERRED TO AVONDALE**

Due to the damage caused by ongoing extreme weather conditions, the Whangarei RC will not be able to hold its race meeting this Saturday 12 July at the Ruakaka Racecourse. This meeting has been transferred to the Avondale JC.

There will be only one minor distance change following the decision to transfer the meeting to Avondale. The R85 Benchmark 1000m will now be run over 1100m. All other race distances, fields and start times will remain the same as they were at Ruakaka.

Any current scratchings will be re-instated. Horses that scratch from the meeting will not be charged a scratching fee.

The meeting will remain a Whangarei RC licence to be run at Avondale Racecourse.

### **COUNTIES RC – MONDAY 14 JULY**

The Counties RC have avoided the worst of the weather and are planning to race as scheduled on Monday 14 July. Nominations close with the NRB at midday today.

### **ASHBURTON RC - FRIDAY 25 JULY**

Due to an increase in demand for Maiden races in the South Island, NZTR in conjunction with Southern Regional Programming Committee and the Ashburton RC have programmed an additional MDN 1200m for the Ashburton RC meeting on Friday 25 July. Details are as follows: Maiden SW 1200m worth \$7,000

All other races at the Ashburton meeting remain unaltered.

### NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie  
5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa  
Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel  
5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui  
Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park  
Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni  
4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6pm 14 August 2014: Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner, Claudelands, Hamilton  
**Ticket enquiries: Erin Banks 04 499 6909 or erin@verve.co.nz**  
6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Wellington.

### TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 5 JULY 2014)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
30Jun	Matamata	19,135	22,230	424,905	450,826	156,815	119,460	7	7	79	81
2 Jul	Avondale	31,377	71,678	626,983	714,800	281,526	198,415	8	10	82	102
3 Jul	Wanganui	25,456	24,434	560,824	593,521	186,928	160,101	7	8	82	84
4 Jul	Ashburton	32,609	35,347	579,665	665,706	213,366	213,708	9	10	101	116
5 Jul	Marton	110,39	111,697	956,924	1,104,199	328,033	248,722	8	9	83	103

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<b>5 Jul</b>	<b>Taumarunui</b>	147,120	78,252	1,651,668	1,337,005	475,477	329,229	8	8	114	96

### Meeting Details

- Avondale JC Wednesday meeting ran 8 races in FY14, the FY13 meeting was held at Te Rapa (Cambridge JC) with 10 races run
- Wanganui JC Thursday meeting ran 7 races in FY14, the FY13 meeting was held at Waverley RC with 8 races run
- Taumarunui RC Saturday premier meeting was held on 27 July 2013 and was brought forward to replace the Waipa RC meeting

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/(-)</b>	<b>Variance +%/(-%)</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	328	337	(9)	(2.67%)
<b>Races</b>	2,732	2,835	(103)	(3.63%)
<b>Total Starts</b>	28,522	29,581	(1,059)	(3.58%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.44	10.43	+0.01	+0.06%
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	434	399	+35	+8.77%
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	370,192,293	372,038,858	(1,846,565)	(0.50%)
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	34,118,608	35,659,202	(1,540,594)	(4.32%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	404,310,901	407,698,060	(3,387,159)	(0.83%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	307,984,654	322,316,215	(14,331,561)	(4.45%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	96,326,232	85,381,845	+10,944,387	+12.82%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	147,991	143,809	+4,182	+2.91%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	14,175	13,782	+393	+2.85%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	1,435,921,203	1,391,153,498	+44,767,705	+3.22%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	288,969,258	232,262,956	+56,706,302	+24.41%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,724,890,461</b>	<b>1,623,416,454</b>	<b>+101,474,007</b>	<b>+6.25%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Jun)</b>	286,609,494	336,991,434	(50,381,939)	(14.95%)
<b>Total Races (to 22 Jun)</b>	2,639	2,728	(89)	(3.26%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export</b>	108,605	123,531	(14,925)	(12.08%)

<b>turnover \$NZ per race</b>				
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### **Turnover Summary Notes**

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 0.8% year to date.
- With 103 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.9%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 1,059, 3.6% less.
- Average field size is 10.44 in FY14, the same as FY13 year to date.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 35 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 12.8%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 22 June is down (12.1%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.